pose to set up Electricity Board in Delhi to determine the power supply;

(c) if so, the time by which the said Board is likely to be set up; and

(d) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d). The power supply position in Delhi is by and large satisfactory. The Sarkaria/Balakrishnan Committee on the reorganisation of Delhi set up has recommended conversion of Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking (DESU) into Delhi State Electricity Board (DSEB). The time by which the Board is likely to be set up would depend upon the completion of requisite administrative and legal formalities, including amendments in the Delhi Muncipal Corporation Act, 1957.

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Surrender of Telephones

3143. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE:
SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR:
SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in regard to the directives issued by the Prime Minister for surrendering ten percent of telephone connections by the Government offices upto January 31, 1992.

(b) the percentage of the telephones surrendered as a result thereof; and

(c) the efforts being made to achieve the target?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). 29 Ministries/Departments of the Central Government have so far furnished information surrendering 2177 telephone connections out of 21,032 telephone connections working with them which come to little above 10%.

(c) The progress is being monitored by the Ministry of Finance (Deptt. of Expenditure).

Increase in time limit of local call

3144. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to increase the time limit for local call at least from three minutes to five minutes;

(b) if so, whether the suburbs like Ghaziabad, Faridabad and Gurgaon adjoining Delhi would also be affected; and

(c) the time by which the above mentioned decision is likely to be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The proposal to introduce time metering of local calls is still under the consideration of the Government.

(b) Yes, Sir. A different tariff for inter-dialling between large telephone systems and adjoining exchanges in their periphery is also under consideration.

(c) The time frame for implementation has not yet been decided.